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This report concerns information obtained from an

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in an (SCUD) missile unit

During this period he became knowledgeable concerning personalities, organization, chain of command, etc. of this type of organization.

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The above information is of unique interest in that no identification has been made to date of a SCUD training area other than at Kapustin Yar.

As a result of information gained from the source's approximations of distances from a railroad debarkation point and from Volgograd, and his description of general terrain features, the coordinates 48-45N 48-20E were established as being in the general area where the purported firing had taken place.

A detailed search of photography was made within a radius of thirty nautical miles of the listed coordinates.

After examination of available photography it is not possible to positively report that the information given by the source was reliable nor by the same token can his testimony be entirely disregarded. His description of the general area is believable, however no military facility was identified within the search area corresponding to that described in his statement. The only military installations in the vicinity of the search area are possible instrumentation sites associated with the Kapustin Yar Missile Test Center. These sites fit fairly well with the somewhat inconsistent description of the source. Within the search area the terrain varies from sand dunes to arable land to salt marshes with intermittent lakes. Agricultural activity is prominent on the arable land which appears similar to our sagebrush country in nature. The activity possibly consists of haying operations for cattle feed.

In summary the source could have been in the general vicinity of the coordinates of the search area. However it is more likely that he was in the area approximately 50 nautical miles to the east if in fact his testimony is valid.

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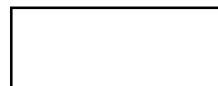
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